Seirei Tsukai no Kenbu

Blade Dance

Chapter 1

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Thanks for Reading!

A GIRL WAS THERE.
SHE WAS STUNNINGLY CUTE.
HER RUBY EYES,
HER CHERRY-COLORED LIPS...
AND THE INCANDESCENT, DEEP CRIMSON HAIR, OVER-LAYING HER WHITE, GLASS-LIKE SKIN...
HOWEVER, SHE WAS STARK NAKED.

A GUY
IN AN
ALL-GIRLS
SCHOOL?!

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... THIS IS LIKE, AN ACCIDENT, YOU KNOW; AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT FOR BOTH OF US.
BUT REST ASSURED...
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN NAKED CHILDREN.
ERR... YOU KNOW...
AH...
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HUH?
EH?
I'M SIX-TEEN.
SIX-TEEN...

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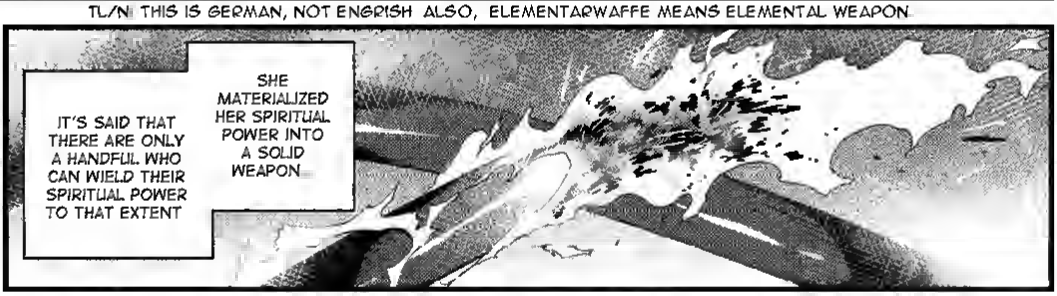
PERVERT!!
P-PEEKING AT ME... CLAIRE ROUGE... WHILE I'M TAKING A BATH...
YOU'RE SUCH... SUCH A...
O, Guardian of the Crimson Blaze...
The ever-vigilant keeper of flame!
It is time for you to abide by the blood contract.
Come forth and do my bidding at once!
IS SHE... A SUMMONER?

TL/N: THIS IS GERMAN, NOT ENGRISH. ALSO, ELEMENTARWAFFE MEANS ELEMENTAL WEAPON.


IT'S SAID THAT THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL WHO CAN WIELD THEIR SPIRITUAL POWER TO THAT EXTENT
SHE MATERIALIZED HER SPIRITUAL POWER INTO A SOLID WEAPON.

BURN TO CINDERS, YOU PERVERT!
WAIT! THIS IS A MISUN-DERSTANDING!

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THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE IMPRESSED!

DON'T HIDE! DON'T EVADE! MY WHIP CAN'T HIT YOU, YOU KNOW?!
MISUNDER-STANDING, MY ASS!

THAT GAP BETWEEN YOUR FIN-GERS!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU SHOULD COVER YOUR-SELF...
DON'T BE ABSURD! I'LL DIE IF IT HITS ME!

IT'S NOT COMPLETELY HIDDEN!
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KYAA AAA!!
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IDIOT!
AH,

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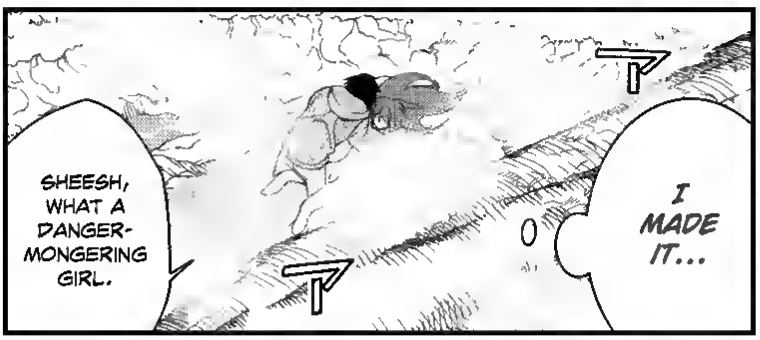
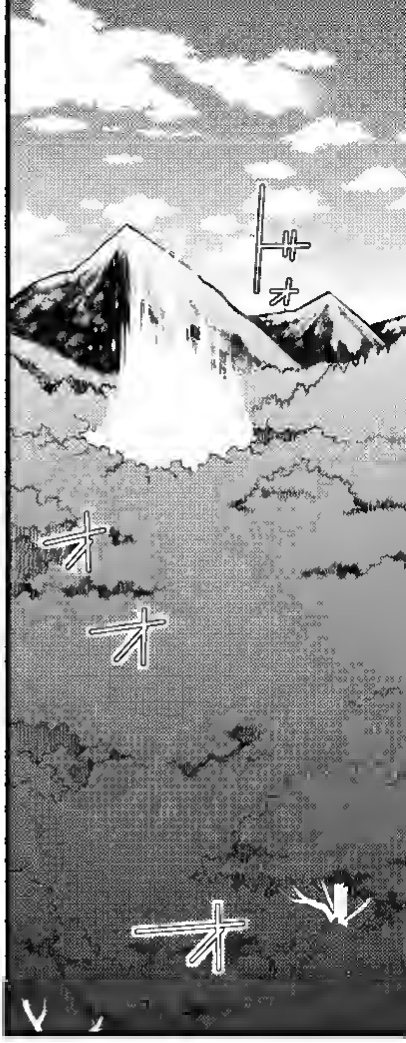

I MADE IT...
SHEESH, WHAT A DANGER-MONGERING GIRL.

WHOOPS,
ARE YOU AL-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WHA?!
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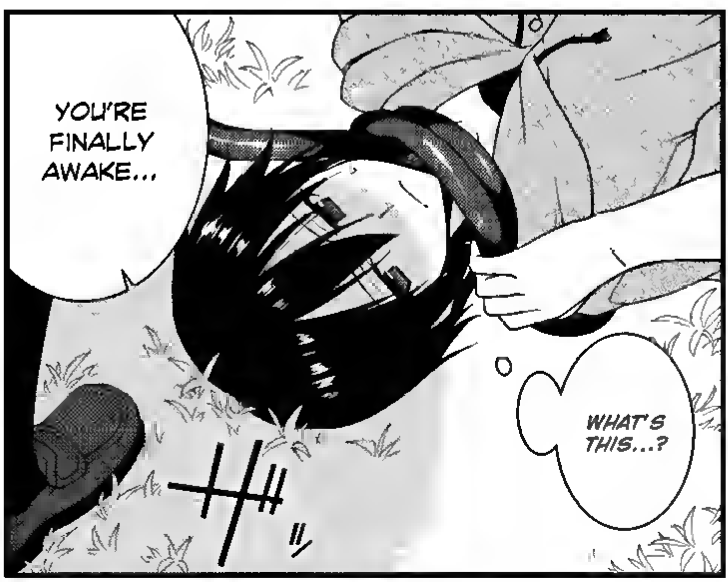
OUCH!!
GODDAMN LECHER!!

YOU...


YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE...
WHAT'S THIS...?

UGH...
UUU HHH...

ARGH!
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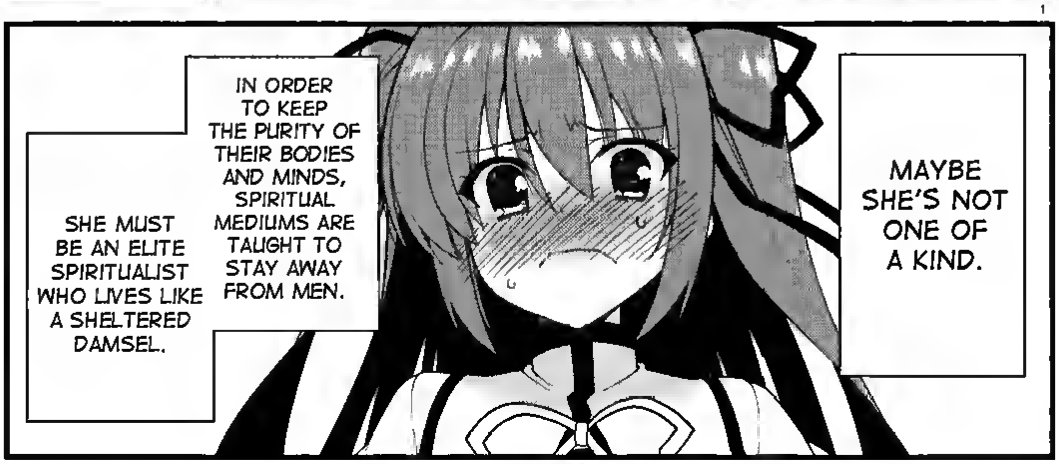
BE THANKFUL; I WENT EASY ON YOU.
LIES! YOU REALLY WANTED TO KILL ME!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HAD I BEEN SERIOUS, YOU WOULD'VE BEEN CINDERS BY NOW.
LEWD, PEEPING DEMON.

GIVE ME A BREAK ABOUT BURNING ME TO CINDERS.
I ALSO SAVED YOU, AFTER ALL.
THAT ATTIRE... IT'S THE UNIFORM OF THE ALESSIA SPIRITUAL ACADEMY.
RIGHT, SHE WAS ALSO USING SPIRITUAL POWERS.
GOT A PROBLEM? YOU PRETENDED TO SAVE ME AND TOUCHED MY C-CHEST...
DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME WORSE THAN THE AVERAGE LECHER?!
YOU'RE IN A HIGHER CLASS THAN THE AVERAGE LECHER. YOU'RE A HIGH-GRADE LECHER!
THAT'S RIGHT. I'M A FAIR NOBLE, AFTER ALL. I'LL VALUE YOU ACCORDINGLY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

COULD SHE BE... THAT?
?
SHE...
WHA-
ARE YOU THE KIND OF LADY WHO HAS A LEWD FETISH OF USING A WHIP TO TORMENT GUYS?
N-NO WAY! I'M NOTHING LIKE THAT!
MEH, IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT.
SHE'S TOTALLY GREEN.
Y-Y-Y-YOU... W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...
HMM... SO YOU PREFER TO BE WHIPPED INSTEAD?

ALESSIA SPIRITUAL ACADEMY IS A PLACE WHERE SPIRITUAL MEDIUMS GATHER AND STUDY.
ONLY CHASTE MAIDENS ARE ABLE TO COMMUNE WITH THE SPIRITS OF THE REALM OF SOULS AND CHEMICAL ELEMENTS, ASTRAL ZERO.
THE ROYAL FAMILIES STRENGTHEN THEIR BLOODLINE BY MARRIAGES THROUGHOUT THE AGES. AMONG THE SPIRITUAL MEDIUMS, THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES ABLE TO FORM CONTRACTS WITH THE SPIRITS TO SUCH EXTENT THAT THEY CAN EVEN HAVE DEITIES DO THEIR BIDDING.


SHE MUST BE AN ELITE SPIRITUALIST WHO LIVES LIKE A SHELTERED DAMSEL.
IN ORDER TO KEEP THE PURITY OF THEIR BODIES AND MINDS, SPIRITUAL MEDIUMS ARE TAUGHT TO STAY AWAY FROM MEN.
MAYBE SHE'S NOT ONE OF A KIND.

IT'S NO WONDER SHE'S NOT USED TO GUYS.
OH, ALSO...
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SAY THIS FOR A WHILE...
YOUR PANTIES ARE VISIBLE FROM THIS ANGLE.
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FUWAA!!
D-D-D-D-DID YOU... SEE THEM...?
MY, YOU'RE UNEXPECTEDLY BOLD. THEY HAVE THE SAME COLOR AS YOUR HAIR, TOO.
L-L-L-LIES!! I'M NOT WEARING A RED PAIR! WHITE, THEY'RE WHITE!

...HUH?!
AH, I SEE. WHITE, IS IT?
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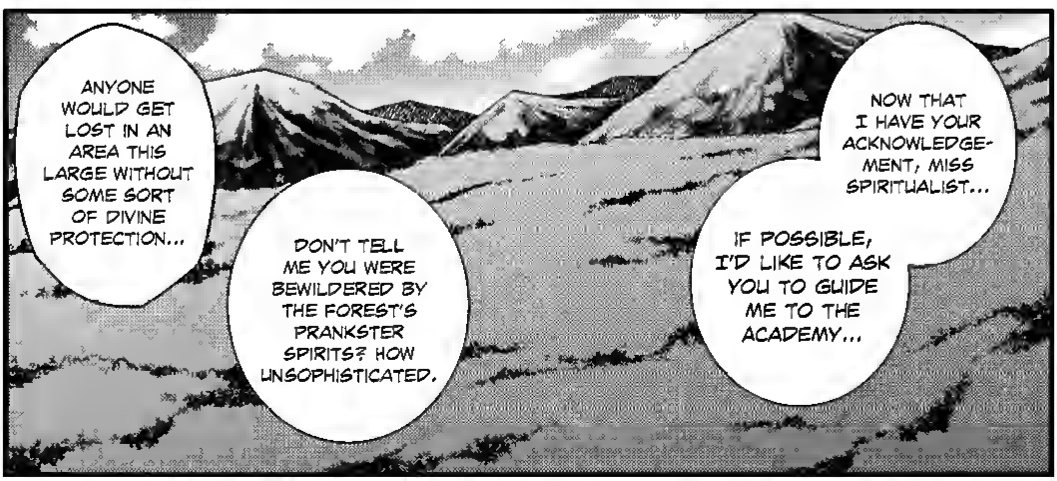
I'M ALSO SORRY FOR, UH...
LOOKING AT YOU BATHE AND... YOU KNOW... TOUCHING YOUR CHEST.
HOWEVER, IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE. BELIEVE ME.
UH...
SORRY, I TEASED YOU TOO MUCH.
I DIDN'T SEE YOUR PANTIES... SORRY.

WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING... WHY WOULD A GUY BE HERE IF HE WEREN'T A LECHER?
THIS IS THE FOREST OF SPIRITS WITHIN THE ACADEMY'S GROUNDS, YOU KNOW.

IT HAS THE HEAD-MASTER'S SIGNATURE, AND A FIRST-CLASS IMPERIAL SEAL ..
IT TRULY RADIATES WITH DIVINE AUTHORITY. IT SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE FAKE.

I CAME HERE AT THE BIDDING OF SOMEONE CALLED GREYWORTH.
THAT'S THE HEADMASTER HERE, RIGHT?
SEE, I HAVE THIS LETTER AS EVIDENCE.

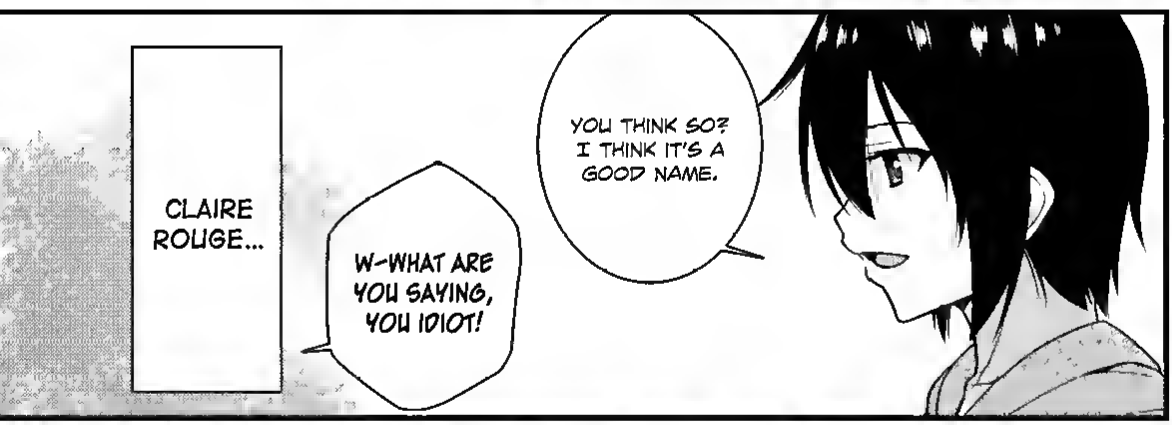

NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGE-MENT, MISS SPIRITUALIST...
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO GUIDE ME TO THE ACADEMY...
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE BEWILDERED BY THE FOREST'S PRANKSTER SPIRITS? HOW UNSOPHISTICATED.
ANYONE WOULD GET LOST IN AN AREA THIS LARGE WITHOUT SOME SORT OF DIVINE PROTECTION...

IS IT THAT FAR?!
I HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE, SO...
LET ME TELL YOU; IT'LL TAKE YOU TWO HOURS OF WALK FROM THIS PLACE TO THE ACADEMY.
BEING STRANDED IN THIS FOREST OF SPIRITS GIVES ME GOOSE BUMPS.
WELL, ANYWAY, I'M GLAD I MET SOMEONE.
AT LEAST, TRY NOT TO GET PRANKED BY THE SPIRITS ANYMORE.
LAAAATER, HIGH-GRADE LECHER!
H-HEY!
HOW TROUBLE-SOME...

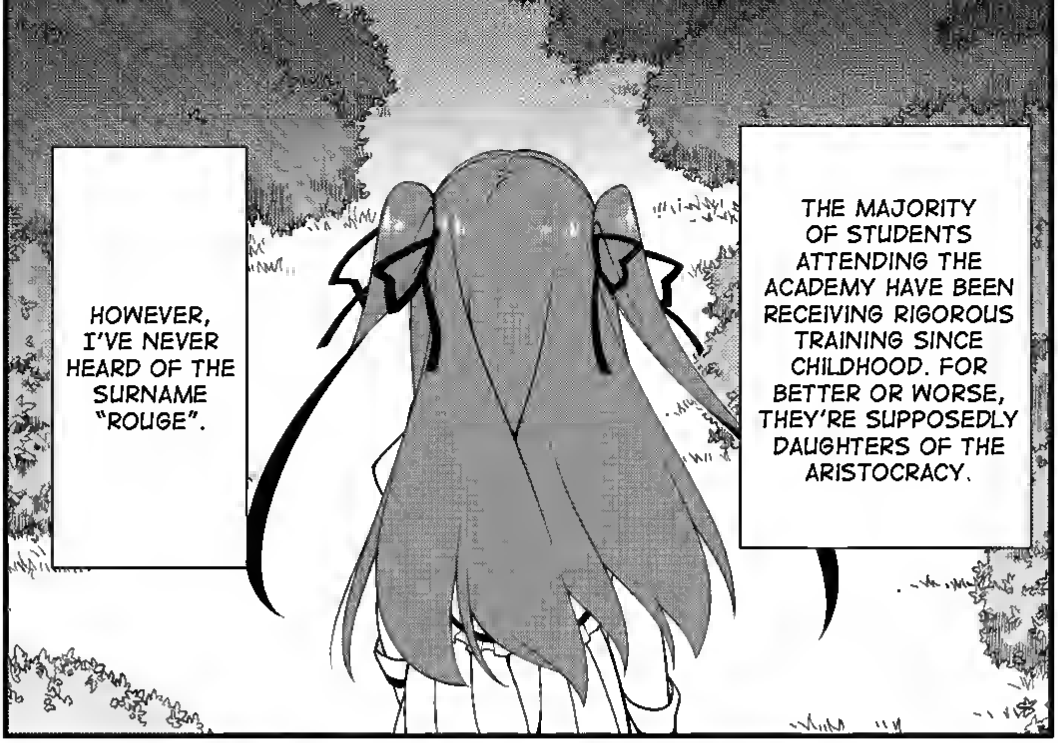
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME, YOU LEWD, PEEPING DEMON?
I WOULDN'T KNOW THE PATH TO THE ACADEMY WITHOUT YOU.
I'M KAMITO, KAZEHAYA KAMITO.
ALSO, I'LL SAY THIS HOWEVER MANY TIMES NEEDED. I'M NOT A PEEPING DEMON.
HMM, THAT'S A PECULIAR NAME.
ARE YOU FROM QUINA, IN THE EAST?

I WAS BORN AMONG AN ISLAND GROUP IN A REMOTE REGION EVEN FURTHER EAST.
NO, NOT QUINA...

DON'T SAY MY NAME SO NONCHALANTLY. IT'S A WEIRD NAME, AFTER ALL.
I THINK YOUR NAME IS ALSO A RARE ONE.
CLAIRE ROUGE, WAS IT?


CLAIRE ROUGE...
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU IDIOT!
YOU THINK SO? I THINK IT'S A GOOD NAME.

THAT'S CLEARLY A PSEUDONYM.


THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THE ACADEMY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING RIGOROUS TRAINING SINCE CHILDHOOD. FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THEY'RE SUPPOSEDLY DAUGHTERS OF THE ARISTOCRACY.
HOWEVER, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE SURNAME "ROUGE".

THIS GIRL MUST HAVE A REASON FOR HIDING HER IDENTITY.
WELL...

EVERYONE MUST HAVE A THING OR TWO THEY'D LIKE TO KEEP SECRET, RIGHT?
HEY...

ARE WE GONNA PASS THROUGH THIS PLACE?
WE'RE GOING TO THE ACADEMY, AREN'T WE?
IT'S DANGEROUS PAST THIS POINT, SO AN ORDINARY PERSON LIKE YOU SHOULD STAY AWAY.
I CAME HERE FOR A PURPOSE.
OTHERWISE, I WOULDN'T HAVE PERFORMED THE PURIFICATION CEREMONY AT THE WELLSPRING.
AT THIS SMALL SHRINE, THERE'S A SEALED SPIRIT NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO FORM A CONTRACT WITH.
I CAME HERE TO FORM A CONTRACT WITH IT.
...YOU'RE GOING TO FORM A CONTRACT WITH A CALAMITOUS SPIRIT?

OUCH OUCH OUCH ...
?
NAH, NOTHING.
FORMING A CONTRACT WITH A SEALED SPIRIT IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU. LET'S STOP.

MOREOVER, YOU ALREADY HAVE A CONTRACT WITH A FLAME SPIRIT, RIGHT.
IT ALONE IS ALREADY A VERY POWERFUL SPIRIT. ON TOP OF THAT, YOU CAN EVEN USE A WAFFE.
ISN'T IT ENOUGH TO JUST RAISE THAT SPIRIT?
FORMING CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE SPIRITS WILL DISRUPT THE DIVINE BALANCE AND MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO CONTROL THEM.
YOU'RE QUITE KNOWLEDGE-ABLE FOR SOMEONE WHO ISN'T A SPIRITUALIST.
I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S DANGEROUS.

MY FLAME SPIRIT, SCARLET, IS AN INVALUABLE PARTNER. BUT...
NO MATTER WHAT, I NEED A POWERFUL SPIRIT.

THEN THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH ME FOLLOWING YOU AROUND.
DO AS YOU PLEASE...

YOU'RE REALLY CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL TAME IT, HUH.
I-ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?!
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?! I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU, YOU KNOW?!

THIS GIRL IS UNDER-ESTIMATING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A SEALED SPIRIT.
NOT EVEN CONQUERORS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED COUNTRIES CAN CONTROL IT... THAT'S WHY IT'S SEALED.
SHE'LL REALIZE THAT WHEN SHE FAILS TO CONTROL AND FORM A CONTRACT WITH IT...

FLAME, ILLUMINATE OUR PATH.
IF THINGS GO AWRY, PERHAPS WE'LL HAVE TO RUN, EVEN IF THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO CARRY HER ON MY BACK...

THIS IS THE SWORD IN WHICH THE SEALED SPIRIT RESIDES...
"THE SACRED SWORD OF SEVERIAN", WHICH HAS EXISTED HERE EVEN BEFORE THE ACADEMY WAS BUILT.

THE ONLY SWORD THROUGHOUT HISTORY THAT WAS ABLE TO VANQUISH THE MALE SPIRITUALIST, SOLOMON THE DEMON LORD?
YOU DORK. THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS THE REAL THING.

HEY...
STEP BACK.
THE REAL SEVERIAN, THE SACRED SWORD IN STONE, RESIDES WITHIN THE EMPIRE.
ACCORDING TO LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE, THIS ONE WAS USED TO REBUILD DESERTED VILLAGES.
WELL, EVEN IF IT'S NOT THE REAL THING, IT'S STILL A FAMOUS SWORD.
AND AS SUCH, IT IMPLIES THAT THIS ISN'T THE ONLY ITEM IN WHICH A SPIRIT IS SEALED.
O, noble spirit.
Sealed in the ancient holy sword...
DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF...
I, CLAIRE ROUGE, WILL PROCEED FORTH.
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SHE'S... SERIOUSLY FORMING A CONTRACT WITH A SEALED SPIRIT?!
Acknowledge me as thy master and form a contract with me.
Under which I will never sheathe ye.
Thou shall
Swear thy oath to me!!
Thrice will I call out to thee.
Thrice will I order thee!

I...
I DID IT!
I DREW
IT OUT!
FOR
REAL...

EH?!
WATCH OUT!!

HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
W-WHAT...? MY SEALED SPIRIT...
APPAR-ENTLY...
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S GESTURING AN OATH OF LOYALTY TO ITS MASTER...

GET DOWN!!

W-WAIT A SECOND! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TOUCHING ME AS YOU PLEASE?!
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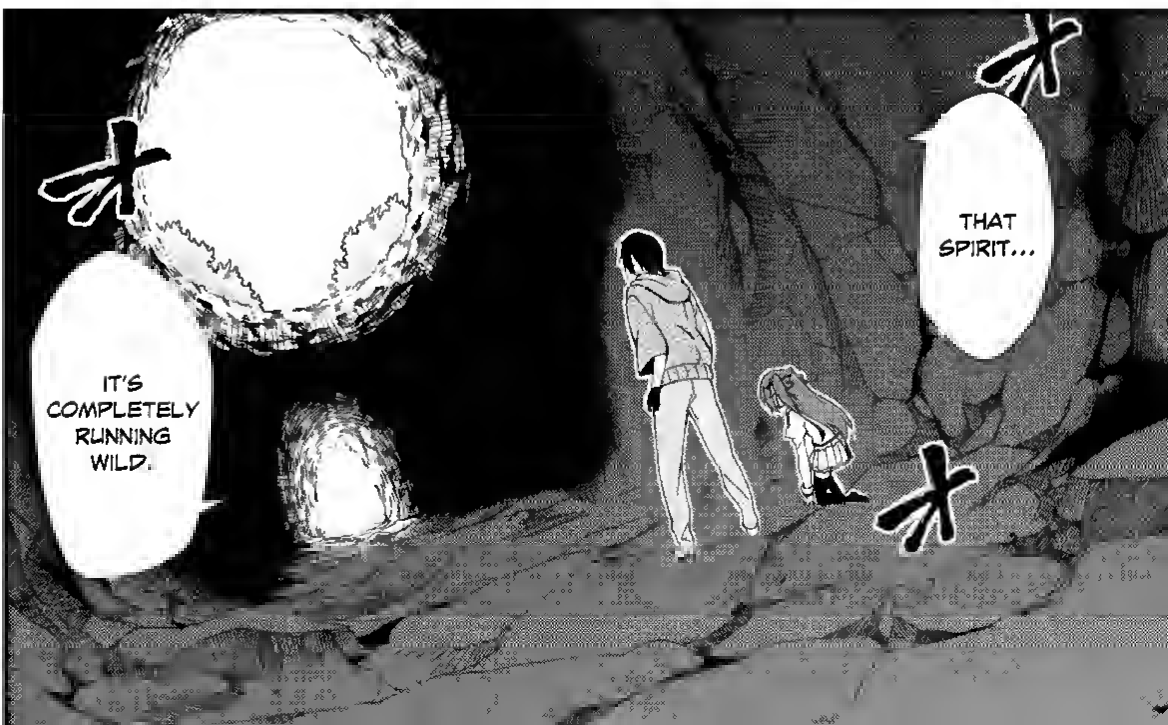
IT HAS THE ATTRIBUTES OF A HOLY SWORD...
THERE'S NO WONDER IT COULD RELEASE ITSELF FROM THAT KIND OF ROCK.


THAT SPIRIT...
IT'S COMPLETELY RUNNING WILD.

S-SHUT UP! I'LL GO AND TAME IT!
YOU...
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR DISPUTES...
WHOA!
STOP GIVING CUTE REACTIONS EVERY SO OFTEN! WE'RE RUNNING AWAY!
C-CUTE...? WHAT ARE YOU-
WHATEVER, JUST RUN!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF WE GET ATTACKED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!

STOP MAKING WITTY COMMENTS EVERY SO OFTEN!
THAT RESTIVE BASTARD IS REALLY SIMILAR TO A CERTAIN LADY I KNOW!
SHIT!
WOW...

ARE YOU MAD?! YOUR OPPONENT IS A HIGH-LEVEL SEALED SPIRIT!
PIECE OF CAKE.
...I'LL DO IT.
YOU CAN'T EVEN WIELD SPIRITUAL POWERS, SO JUST STAY AWAY.
THAT'S ENOUGH OF YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE; WE BETTER RUN...
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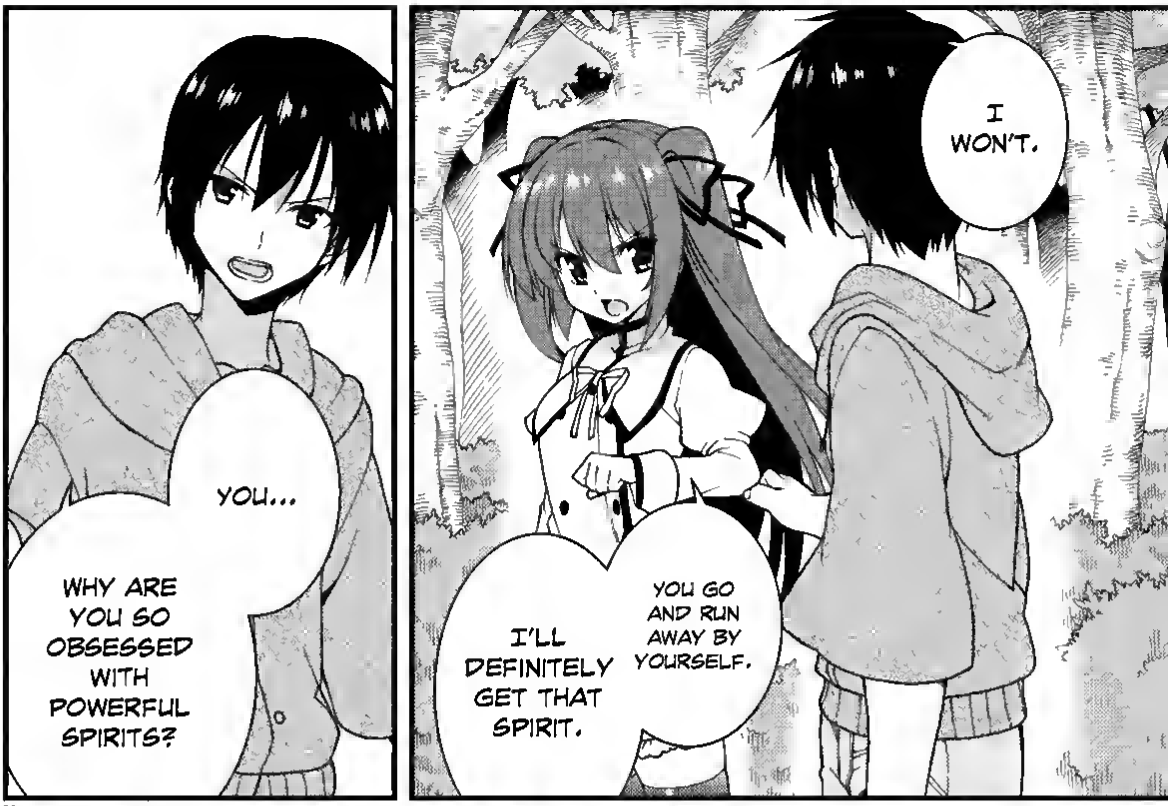
I WON'T.
YOU GO AND RUN AWAY BY YOURSELF.
I'LL DEFINITELY GET THAT SPIRIT.
YOU...
WHY ARE YOU SO OBSESSED WITH POWERFUL SPIRITS?

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND...

I NEED A POWERFUL SPIRIT...
I NEED POWER.

THAT WON'T LOSE TO ANY OTHER!

COME,
A SHINING SEAL IS THE EMBODIMENT OF A SPIRITUALIST. WILL CLAIRE BE ABLE TO FORM A CONTRACT WITH THE SPIRIT?
YOU REBELLIOUS LITTLE KID...
I'LL THOROUGHLY SHAPE YOU UP!